



August 25, 1999

By Hand

Hon. William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The work of the Public Safety National Coordination Committee (NCC), which the Commission has chartered as a Federal Advisory Committee to address issues related to 700 MHz public safety spectrum, is progressing well pursuant to the objectives set forth in its charter. As required by that charter, I am transmitting herewith, the Public Safety National Coordination Committee First Report to the Federal Communications Commission. This report details the NCC's progress toward the development of recommendations for technical and equipment standards and includes the NCC's plan of action and milestones for the development of each of the recommendations the NCC will make to the Commission pursuant to its charter.

As the report discloses, our efforts constitute a work in progress; thus, although the NCC subcommittees are actively deliberating options, they have yet to make final recommendations to the NCC steering committee. The tasks that the Commission entrusted to us are well in hand. I am urging the NCC subcommittees to maintain their momentum and to redouble their efforts so that the NCC steering committee may be presented the information necessary to timely furnish the Commission with a set of well-reasoned, well-supported, consensus-based recommendations.

On my behalf and on behalf of the NCC steering committee, I wish to thank you for the willing support the Commission has given the NCC.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wallman
Chair

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cc: Hon. Susan Ness
Hon. Gloria Tristani
Hon. Harold Furchtgott-Roth
Hon. Michael Powell
(all with enclosure)